

BOOK NOTICES

MARK BLUMENTHAL. 2003. **The ABC Clinical Guide to Herbs.** (ISBN 1-58890-157-2 hdk.). Thieme New York, 333 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001, U.S.A. (Orders: customerservice@thieme.com, 800-782-3488, 212-760-0888). \$49.95, 480 pp, 58 b/w photos, 29 b/w line drawings, 8 1/2" × 11 1/2".

This book must be the ultimate resource for information about each of the twenty-nine most frequently used herbs as judged by retail sales. It offers a detached review of the data of specific products which have been the subject of clinical studies.

There are two pages of clinical overviews, a patient information sheet, and a comprehensive monograph on each herb as well as two photographs and a line drawing. The primary and potential uses, pharmacological actions, dosage and administration, adverse effects and the regulatory status in various countries around the world are spelled out plainly for each herb. In addition, abundant references are included.

This should be a valuable book for the lay person as well as the clinician at a time when alternative medicines are being widely discussed.—*Ruth Ginsburg, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, TX, U.S.A.*

GORDON R. HANKS (Editor). 2002. **Narcissus and Daffodil: The Genus *Narcissus*.** (ISBN 0-415-27344-7, hdk.). Taylor & Francis, 11 New Fetter Lane, London EC4P 4EE, UK and 29 West 35th Street, New York, NY 10001, U.S.A. (Orders: info@tandf.co.uk, www.tandf.co.uk, 44 (0) 207 583 9855, fax 44 (0) 207-842-2298, standing orders call 44 (0)1264 343071). £70 (+\$120.00), 452 pp, 16 color photos, 13 b/w photos, 98 b/w drawings, 31 tables, 7" × 9 3/4".

This is volume 21 of the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants—Industrial Profiles, a series aimed at those engaged in research in botany, agriculture, pharmacognosy, phytochemistry, the food flavor, cosmetic and fragrance industries, alternative medicine and in other pharmaceutical and health sciences. "Narcissus and Daffodil is the first book to provide a complete overview of the genus *Narcissus*." There are 19 chapters presenting original research material and information. Each chapter is complete with references; some 1,700 references are scattered throughout the book.